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MADAME M. YALE,
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been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Pope, departed Monday for St. Louis to visit friends.

Fine Diamonds—Merrill & Jacobson's.
Mrs. T. G. Burkhardt returned to-day from a month's visit with her father in Central, Mo.

Governor and Mrs. L. V. Stephens and Miss Edna Gordon will depart soon for Hot Springs for the benefit of Mrs. Stephens' health.

Judge and Mrs. W. M. Robinson and daughter, Miss Attie, depart soon for Hot Springs for the benefit of the Judge's health.

Mrs. I. A. Victor and little daughter are guests of the family of Mr. and Mrs. I. Bodebacher.

Mrs. E. T. Orr spent a few days this week in St. Louis.

Mrs. Hamilton Gamble of Kansas City, who has been recently appointed a United States Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, was formerly a resident of this city. Mrs. Gamble is a highly accomplished woman, speaking several languages, and thoroughly conversant with all topics of the times. She is also an exceedingly handsome woman, and charming in manner. She has spent much time in Europe, and is well acquainted with Paris and its environs.

The members of the Wednesday Club were entertained this week by Mrs. P. E. Marshall. Program of music was played and several prizes awarded.

Miss Celeste Price was hostess for the Saturday Club. There were no guests outside the members of the club and those in the habit of attending. The afternoon was spent in conversation and an occasional game of cards. The evening session completed the pleasures of the day.

Among recent functions was a musical given by Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hobbs, complimentary to Miss Katherine Sloan of St. Louis and Mrs. Paul and Mrs. John. An informal program was arranged, among the participants being the hostess, her sister, Mrs. E. T. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Orr, Miss Alma and Edna Gordon. At the conclusion of the program, the guests were invited to the dining-room, where champagne and their accompaniments were served. The evening was completed by a "bean bag" contest, Mrs. T. O. Towles winning first honors, and Mr. Paul Rader second. The following were guests: Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Rader, Major and Mrs. T. O. Towles, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Orr, Mrs. N. L. R. Taylor, Misses Alma and Edna, and Kate Gordon, Messrs. Charles A. Winston and Victor Kaler.

The young people of the city enjoy many pleasant evenings at Judge W. E. Marshall's home. The Misses Marshall entertain frequently and the visiting young people dancing and cards were features. There were present: Misses Marian and Carrie Davidson, Clara Davidson, Misses Edna and Kitty Pitt, Nellie and Lulu See, Miss Hall, Nellie Boone, Ethel Edwards, Messrs. Albert Carlson, Robert Grant, Donald Henry, Henry Gantt, Frank Nitchy, Paul Rader and Harry Hulett.

IN THE BLUFF CITY.

Miss Alice Marshall of Upper Alton was a visitor in St. Louis last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Judd.

Judge and Mrs. William Gilbert of Cairo are guests of Mrs. George Wise of State street.

Miss Ruth Mills visited Mrs. A. K. Van Horn of Jerseyville last week.

Mrs. William L. Sparks is entertaining Miss Helen Turner of Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. A. E. Mills returned last week from Durbin, Mo.

Mrs. Mary A. Few of Springfield, Ill., is visiting relatives in Alton.

Miss Sue Newell has returned from St. Louis.

The Misses Stroud of Upper Alton are entertaining Miss Catherine Webb of St. Louis.

Misses Genevieve Webster and Doris Messenger were visitors in St. Louis last week.

Mrs. George B. Stiles and son of Jerseyville are visiting Mrs. George Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. William Thompson departed Monday for her home in Marshalltown, Ia., after visiting friends in Alton.

Miss Sadie Platt entertained the Shakespeare Club Monday evening at her home on State street.

Mrs. Walter Locke returned Tuesday to her home at Toledo, O., after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuhn.

Mrs. W. J. Egan and Miss Jessie Roper have returned from an extended Eastern trip.

Miss Annette Jordan of St. Louis was a guest of Miss Emma Kline last week.

Mrs. J. M. Byrne is entertaining Mrs. Winifred Wash of Chicago.

Miss Florence Jackson entertained Miss Bertha Hult and Lida Fox of East St. Louis last week.

Mrs. Frank Barry of Milwaukee, Wis., is visiting relatives in Alton.

Miss Viola Erbick is visiting in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayden returned Thursday from Tampa, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Mrs. F. W. Collins departed Wednesday for Fayetteville, Ark.

Mrs. T. G. Emerson entertained the ladies of the Upper Alton Baptist Aid Society Wednesday afternoon at her home on Evergreen avenue, Upper Alton.

Miss Sallie Barr returned Thursday to Carlinville, after visiting in Alton for several weeks.

Miss Edith Betts entertained Saturday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Percy Randall of Chicago.

Mrs. August Schaffly and Miss Helen Schaffly of Carlinville, Ill., were guests last week of Mrs. J. P. McGinnis.

Mrs. A. K. Sherwood entertained the Upper Alton Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Seminary street.

Professor E. H. Sornheim of Alton returned a young solo and a literary program.

Vice President Pro Tem.
Frye Claims Precedence at Functions, and So Do Speaker Henderson and Secretary Hay—
When Secretary Root Invites the Ambassadors to Meet an Actor—
There Is an Awful Time—Magnificent Blunder at a State Dinner Piles Strife on Strife.

WASHINGTON SPECIAL.
Washington, March 31.—Never before has the question of social precedence raised so much trouble in official society as this season. Everybody is at loggerheads.

Senator Frye, President of the Senate and Vice President pro tem, and his wife, claim precedence over Speaker Henderson of the House of Representatives and his wife, who so stoutly maintain their superiority.

Secretary of State Hay and his wife have their own particular fight with Senator Frye. Of course, the late Vice President Hobart stood higher in the official hierarchy than the Secretary of State, but as the latter is designated to succeed to the presidency if both the President and the Vice President die it is a nice question whether or not he ranks higher than the Senator who assumes the duties of a deceased Vice President in the Senate.

There have also been some social disagreements among the wives of the members of the cabinet, which is sometimes called the official family of the President. All the members of the cabinet are designated to succeed to the presidency before Senator Frye, and on this ground they and their wives claim precedence over him.

The Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable Lyman D. Baile, and his wife, follow the Secretary of State in the order of precedence. The navy and army supply their own troubles. The army takes precedence officially of the navy, but there are many patriotic citizens who think that nobody should be allowed to take precedence of Admiral Dewey.

The diplomatic corps has been terribly shocked by the outrages upon courtesy which it has witnessed. Secretary Root actually asked the Ambassadors "to meet Sir Henry Irving." Now, in Europe, entertainments are only given formally in honor of royalties, monarchs and emperors, who are personal representatives of their sovereigns, can only be invited to meet the head of a state, and possibly the heir apparent. To ask an Ambassador to "meet" an actor was an inexcusable blunder.

The President's annoyance. All these incidents are so much annoying to an administration which is proud to represent the plutocracy of the land. Secretary Hay, whose English sympathies are well known, is understood to be in favor of appointing an official corresponding to the English lord chamberlain, who settles once and for all the social position of everybody in Queen Victoria's dominions.

The season opened with trouble in the cabinet. Mrs. Hay, contrary to all precedent and custom, without consulting any of the ladies on the subject, caused an announcement to be published in the local papers that the ladies of the cabinet would not receive until an hour later in the day than had heretofore been the custom from time whereof there is no written history.

Another Temper. Then came the beginning of the ambassadorial tour. The torrents of social wrath and chagrin that have been let loose in Washington this season because of the refusal of the President to attend certain dinner parties and swell receptions would fill a large volume.

It started off with what society at first designated a deliberate snub to the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft. It seems that during the week of Sir Henry Irving's engagement in Washington, the President's daughter, Miss Alice Marshall, gave him a dinner party one evening after the ambassadorial tour. As a mark of special honor, each of the ambassadors was asked to meet Sir Henry at dinner. Great stress was laid upon the desirability of having the ladies of the cabinet present. The first of the ambassadors to be asked was Lord Pauncefote. He had been in the United States for some time, and was a social success, as is every such entertainment planned and given by the Root.

While society talked itself hoarse over the affair the following morning, the Ambassadors banquipped that the President's daughter had been invited to meet him at dinner. In accordance with ambassadorial etiquette it was not possible for them to have accepted the invitation to meet anyone, either at dinner or at any other form of entertainment, save the house of one of the crowned heads of Europe. As an Ambassador represents the person of his sovereign, he cannot be asked to meet any one of less rank than the head of a nation. In all instances, the guest of honor, people can be hidden to meet him, but he cannot be hidden to meet others than the head of a nation.

SOME EXCITING INCIDENTS.

The state dinners at the White House have been particularly full of exciting incidents. It was at the very first of these functions given in honor of the cabinet that the President set the cabinet by the ears by giving the place of honor at table and escorting in to dinner the wife of Senator Frye, the President of the Senate. The wrath of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay was something colossal over this arrangement.

It was at that very dinner, by the way, that the man designated to take out the wife of the Secretary of War dropped his slip of paper containing the name of the lady he was to escort to dinner and left Mrs. Root entirely alone in the East Room as the other guests filed out to dinner. It would have proved a most embarrassing situation had it not been for the thoughtfulness of Speaker Henderson, who, glancing back, and seeing Mrs. Root alone, immediately went up to her and held out his arm, saying that they were each unprovided for and that he would deem it an honor if she would accept his escort into the dining-room.

And then—dear God! You men, you wise, strong men, Our poets in judgment, you go forth to war! You leap at one another, mutilate And starve and kill your fellow-men, and ask The world's applause for such heroic deeds. You boast and strut; and if no song is sung, No laudatory epic writ in blood, Tell how many widows you have made, Why then, perdition, you say our birds are dead And inspiration sleeps, to wake no more. And we, the women, whose lives you are— What we can do but sit in silent homes And wait and suffer? Not for us the blare Of trumpets and the bugle's call to arms— For us no waving banners, no supreme, Triumphant hour of conquest, Ours the slow Dread torture of uncertainty, each day The bootless battle with the same despair.

And when at best your victories reach our ears, There reaches with them to our pitying hearts The thought of countless homes made desolate And other women weeping for their dead. O men, wise men, superior beings say, Is there no substitute for war in this Great age and era? If you answer, "No"; Then let us rear our children to be wolves And teach them from the cradle how to kill. Why should we women waste our time and words In talking peace, when men declare for war?

WOMAN AND WAR.

BY ELIA WHEELER WILCOX.
We women teach our little sons how wrong And how ignoble blows are; school and church Support our precepts, and inculcate The growing minds with thoughts of love and peace. "Let dogs delight to bark and bite," we say; But human beings with immortal souls Must rise above the methods of the brute And walk with reason and with self-control.

invitation to the musicale, tempting as was the programme for the evening. The ambassadorial tangle went into itself about the White House guests, culminated in the memorable state dinner to the Diplomatic Corps, when, by some blunder of the party, those having the seating of the guests in charge, the Mexican Ambassador and the wife of the Anglo-Hungarian Minister were charmingly placed side by side at table. Such a thing had never before occurred in all the long list of state dinners. It had never occurred at any court of Europe. It is not likely to occur again in this country, and the diplomats received a warm lecture from the President after the diplomats had laid the matter before the State Department.

All the world knows that Mexico and Austria have not been on speaking terms since the execution of the Emperor Maximilian. All the world knows, or should know, that what made this departure from the usual order of things, was the fact that the Mexican Ambassador and the wife of the Anglo-Hungarian Minister were charmingly placed side by side at table. Such a thing had never before occurred in all the long list of state dinners. It had never occurred at any court of Europe. It is not likely to occur again in this country, and the diplomats received a warm lecture from the President after the diplomats had laid the matter before the State Department.

The Army and Navy. In and out, through and between all this has run the so-called question as to the precedence of the army and the navy. Now, as a matter of fact, the very best feeling prevails between General Miles and Admiral Dewey. Each knows that the question was settled by Congress during the first Cleveland administration. When the bill regulating presidential succession the army was placed three places ahead of the navy, and so the matter stood until Congress shall see fit, at some future time, to alter the order of things.

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Mrs. Lett's Diplomacy. The funniest ambassadorial incident which has naturally been revived by this season's intrigues, was the amusing incident of the last administration. It was a visit to the White House before the first of March, that witnessed the McKinley inauguration that the Lett's gave a dinner in honor of the President. The President's daughter, Miss Alice Marshall, was the guest of honor. The President's daughter, Miss Alice Marshall, was the guest of honor. The President's daughter, Miss Alice Marshall, was the guest of honor.

NEW CONSUL AT COLOGNE. Charles Barnes of Illinois Succeeds His Father. Washington, March 31.—The President has decided to appoint Charles Barnes, at present Vice and Deputy Consul at Cologne, Germany, Consul at that place, to succeed to the vacancy caused by the recent death of his father, Consul John A. Barnes. The new appointee is from Illinois.

A Good Letter From a Bright Girl. Miss Victoria L. Burns, Lyons, N. Y., writes: "I am a stenographer of the Democratic Press office, and in my official position I have had to read many advertisements of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I have never been troubled with a cold until the winter, and you may have seen by the papers, I had a very hard showtime in going to the office the other morning I caught cold, and as a result had a terrible cough. This time instead of the doctor I went to the drug store and purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which, without the slightest exaggeration, did me more good than all the medicine I had used for the same purpose, for in less than three days my cough had entirely disappeared."

Woman's Dread

The terror of many women's lives is menstruation. Such women wear themselves out with suffering and seem to think there is no relief from the monthly pains.

Miss Emily F. Hass, of 148 Freeman Street, Greenpoint, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I wish to state that I used your Vegetable Compound with the greatest success. I was very sick for nearly a year with hysteria, was downhearted and nervous; also suffered with painful menstruation and pain in back and limbs. I often wished for death, thinking nothing would cure me. I had doctors, but their medicines did me no good. At last, by the advice of a friend, I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with very little hope of its doing me any good, but I am happy to say I am entirely cured. Thanking you for the good your medicine has done me, I am sending you my testimonial, hoping it will help others."

Special advice for every suffering woman can be secured free of cost by writing to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., for it

Mrs. C. D. Smith, 221 Eleventh St., Racine, Wis., writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I gladly give you my testimonial in favor of your remedies. When I first commenced your treatment I had been suffering from female troubles and weakness for some time. Menstrues were irregular, coming too often, and were very painful. I could not walk a great distance, had those terrible bearing-down feeling in the lower part of bowels, backache, and pain in left ovary. I used five bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and my menstrues have become regular, and am cured of that bearing-down feeling after walking. I consider your Compound one of the best medicines there is for those complaints peculiar to women. I thank you for the good advice you gave me. I will gladly recommend your medicine, and hope that every one who suffers as I did will give it a trial."

To sacrifice beauty, disposition and health to a false idea is folly. Generations of ignorance have handed down belief in the necessity of monthly suffering. A healthy woman should experience but little pain and only a moderate amount of inconvenience.

Mrs. Van Cleft Advises Women. "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—For several years my health was miserable. I suffered the most dreadful pains, and was almost on the verge of insanity. I consulted one of the best physicians in New York, and he pronounced my disease a fibroid tumor, advising an operation without delay, saying that it was my only chance for life. Other doctors prescribed strong and violent medicine, and one said I was incurable, another told me my only salvation was galvanic batteries, which I tried, but nothing relieved me. One day a friend called and begged me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I began its use and took several bottles. From the very first bottle there was a wonderful change for the better. The tumor has disappeared entirely and my old spirits have returned. I heartily recommend your medicine to all suffering women." Mrs. Van Cleft, 416 Saunders Ave., Jersey City Heights, N. J.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—A Woman's Remedy for Woman's Ills.

Smith, Ark., may prepare a paper; also the Reverend J. M. Lacey, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Delegates to Be Named. The Governors of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada and Texas have sent in the full quota of delegates, and others have named their delegates who will be selected later.

Nashville Republicans. Nashville, Tenn., March 31.—The Republican County Central Committee met in this city today. The date set for the county primaries is Saturday, April 28. The County Convention will be held here Monday, April 30. On the same day delegates to the State, Senatorial and Congressional conventions will be chosen.

MR. SPRAGUE SAYS The Delicatest system of lunch room interest thousands of people every day.